Docket No.: <u>041-1620I</u> <u>PATENT</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of

Mitsuaki OSHIMA

Serial No. 10/611,926 : Group Art Unit: 2655

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For: MEDIUM, APPARATUS, AND METHOD RELATED TO ENCRYPTION

RESULTANT INFORMATION, as amended

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.312 with COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present paper is being filed concurrently with payment of the Issue and Publication Fees for the above identified application, pursuant to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 10, 2004. Accordingly, clarification of the issue set forth herein is in order, as is consideration of applicant's Comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and approval of the drawing amendment provided herein.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/ Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** providing nine replacement drawing sheets including the amended drawing figures is attached following page 5 of this paper.